



Citation
TO ACCOMPANY THE AWARD OF THE
Joint Meritorious Unit Award
TO THE
Defense Threat Reduction Agency

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 1 October 1998 to 5 March 2000. During this period, DTRA performed in an exceptionally distinguished manner to combine four separate organizations into a new defense agency with a broad mission critical to national security – to reduce, deter and prepare for the threat of weapons of mass destruction. During this period, DTRA flawlessly implemented arms control treaties and played a key role in supporting the national nuclear deterrent force. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency markedly increased the survivability and lethality of warfighters through counterproliferation operations, and safeguarded United States technology through export control license procedures. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency greatly enhanced the capability of warfighting Commander in Chiefs to respond to chemical and biological attacks, and eliminated a significant number of threat weapon systems in the Former Soviet Union through the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program. Furthermore, DTRA sought new security paradigms and innovative defense concepts through the Advanced Systems and Concepts Office. By their exemplary performance of duty, the members of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency have brought great credit to themselves and the Department of Defense.

Given under my hand this 6th day of March 2000

William L. (JL)

Secretary of Defense